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MINUTES.

Delegates' Prayer Meeting.

Washington, Pa., July 17th, 1912.

Promptly at six o'clock, p. m., we arrived in the beautiful city of Washington, where the Sixteenth Annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch of the Women's Mite Missionary Society would convene on the 18th to 21st of July in St. Paul's magnificent edifice located on East Wheeling street. At eight o'clock, p. m., the annual delegates' prayer meeting was conducted by Mrs. Adella Murray and Mrs. E. J. Moore. After singing a" Charge to Keep I Have," Mrs. Josephine Baltimore led in prayer, after which the scripture lesson which was the twelfth chapter of Romans, was read by Mrs. E. J. Moore. Singing by the members present. At this juncture Mrs. Mary F. Handy, wife of the late Bishop Handy was introduced to the convention, and made some very encouraging remarks. Mrs. Handy is president of the Parent Body Women's Mite Missionary Society. After a delightful season of song and prayer the meeting was adjourned. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Webster.

First Day, 9:30 A. M.

Washington, Pa., July 18th, 1912.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Women's Mite Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch convened in St. Paul's A. M. E. church at 9:30 a. m. Madame M. Ophelia Bell and Mrs. Carrie Blackburn led the devotional exercises. Mrs. Josephine Baltimore led in prayer and quite an enjoyable time was spent in prayer and song, after which the president of the convention, Mrs. Isabel Tanner-Temple, called the officers to their respective places. Mrs. M. F. Handy and Mrs. Gracie P. Offer were called to the rostrum by the president. Next was the roll call, each person answering to their name with a verse of scripture, after which they paid their dues, which amounted to $23.25. Singing by convention choir, and the following committee on Credentials was appointed, Mrs. G. P. Offer, Mrs. R. H. Morris, Mrs. Eva Williams, Mrs. Flora Addison and Mrs. Carrie Blackburn. Mrs. Mary F. Handy made some instructive and inspiring remarks to the con-

vention which was received with hearty applause. Finance committee is as follows: Mrs. P. E. Paul, Mrs. E. J. Moore, Mrs. M. H. Dyer, Mrs. Emma Morris and Mrs. Julia Gibson. Committee on Courtesy, Mrs. Adda Little, Mrs. Jane Howard, Miss Lucinda Robinson, Mrs. O. J. Chatman, Mrs. E. R. Bazier and Mrs. L. J. McPherson. Auditing Commlttee: Madame M. Ophelia Bell, Mrs. Eila Brooks, Mrs. Julia Johnson and Miss Mabel J. Webster. Condition of the work, Mrs. L. V. Jones, Mrs. Adelia Murray, Mrs. Mary Richards and Mrs. T. E. Wilson. President's address, Mrs. Mamie Smothers, Mrs. M. E. Wheeler and Mrs. Adelia Murray. Special Effort, Mrs. J. W. Batch, Miss Martha Washington, Mrs. Irene Askew and Mrs. M. Russell. The following new members were enrolled: Miss Carrie Collins, Mrs. J. S. Smith, Mrs. Mary Workman and Mrs. Martha Patterson. Mrs. Linnie Guy, Fraternal delegate, from the North Ohio conference branch Women's Mite Missionary Society was introduced to the convention and made some eloquent remarks concernlng the work. Mrs. Guy is truly an earnest and influential worker in this great missionary work. Singing by the convention choir, after which the Credential Committee made their report, whlch was recelved and adopted. Reports were now heard from the following societies: Wylie Avenue, Euclid Avenue, letter from Wilkes-Barre, sending $5.00 to the treasurer, Brown Chapel, Allen Chapel, West Elizabeth, New Brighton, reorganized with twelve members, Meadville, letter read by Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. LeVade Carter- Norris, from Clairton, amount raised, $15.40, Monongaheia, Brown Chapel, Jr., Connellsville, Brownsville, Washington, Canonsburg, West Middletown, Braddock and Scranton. A motion prevailed the reports be adopted. A letter from the first vice president, Mrs. Mary Stevenson-Blue, was read deploring her absence. Mrs. Blue sends her annual dues and a verse of scripture to be read at the calling of her name, which was the fourth chapter and 9th verse of Mark. The following persons were introduced to the convention: Rev. R. H. Bumry, P. E., Washington District; Rev. R. H. Morris, D. D.; Rev. Sandy Christian, Rev. G. W. Webster, Rev. B. Wheeler, Mrs. Margaret Wheeler and Brother Ruthford. Mrs. Jennie Davis, Fraternal delegate from the West Virginia conference branch, Women's Mite Missionary society was introduced to the convention and made some very beautiful remarks to the Pittsburgh Conference Branch from their sister society. We received Mrs. Davis with open arms and earnest hearts. Mrs. M. J. Chatman and Mrs. R. H. Morris were also introduced. Rev. Morris made some encouraging remarks to the convention, afterwhich the quite hour was conducted by Mrs. Mary F. Handy. Doxology sang and benediction pronounced by Rev. B. Wheeler.

Recess.

Afternoon Session, 2 p. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Lou Catlin and Mrs. Lucy Thornton. Singing by convention choir. The thirty-ninth

psalm was read by Mrs. Catlin. Mrs. Jennie Davis was greeted by the Wa Wa Salute. Report from the Superintendent of the N. P. District. Mrs. L. V. Jones was received with hearty applause and showed splendid work done by this good, Christian woman. Next was the report of the Superintendent of the South Pittsburgh District, Mrs. Adelia Murray. This report also showed excellent work done by the worthy superintendent and was received amid applause. Mrs. Murray returned the $5.00 to the treasurer, which was given her to start out on her work. Greetings from the superintendent of the East Pittsburgh District, Mrs. Mary Stevenson-Blue, was read by the corresponding secretary. Mrs. Blue returned the $5.00 to the treasurer that was given to her to start on her work and $2.35 to Special Effort Treasurer on missionary ship. On account of sickness Mrs. Blue was compelled to give the work assigned to her up. This report was adopted. Singing by convention choir, after which the president, Mrs. Isabel Tanner-Temple, was introduced to the convention by Mrs. Mary F. Handy, after which she delivered her annual address. This address was certainly full of splendid thought and showed careful preparation on the part of the reader. It was received with applause. For the splendid recommendations offered by the president see report. Singing by Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge, "Jesus Sball Lead Us." Motion prevailed that the address of the president be received and placed in the hands of the committee on president's address. At this juncture a paper "The Advantages and Opportunities for Service in the M. M. Work," was read by Mrs. Carrie Blackburn. This paper was a splendid one, well prepared and read and the reader was interrupted by hearty applause. Rev. Hooe, pastor of Nazareth Baptist church of Washington, Pa, was introduced and made some encouraging remarks in which he gave us a cordial welcome to his home. Rev. Garland, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Monongahela, Pa., was also introduced and made a few short but inspiring remarks, afterwhich a motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be rendered to these gentlemen for their good words of cheer. Next was the report of the Junior Societies. Washington reported having raised $40.85. Canonsburg, $10.58. Washington having raised the largest amount was awarded the banner for the second time. Miss Eva Brooks, of Washington, is the efficient superintendent of these Juniors and is indeed a worthy young woman. Mrs. E. J. Moore presented the banner to Miss Brooks in behalf of the Juniors. Miss Brooks very intelligently responded. At this juncture Mrs. Linnie Guy, the N. Ohio Fraternal delegate spoke very encouragingly of the Junior Societies and said a Junior society should be organized in every church. Singing led by Rev. Hoe, "He Loved Me So," afterwhich the special effort treasurer lifted her collection and "Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Saviour," was sang. Rev. Butler, pastor of the church was introduced. Dues to the amount of $2.00 was collected. Singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Garland, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Monongahela.

Friday Evening Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Gracie P. Offer and Mrs. J. W. Batch. The 23rd Psalm was read by Mrs. J. W. Batch, after which a very fervent prayer was offered by Mrs. Adelia Murray, after which a very precious prayer service was indulged in by the members and friends for about one-half hour, after which time the president, Mrs. Isabel Tanner-Temple ascended the rostrum, surrounded by her officers and the participants on the program. The choir of this church rendered a very beautiful anthem, after which Rev. R. H. Bumry, superintendent of the South Pittsburgh District welcomed the ladies of the Mite Missionary Society very cordially in his District. Dr. W. H. Butler, the pastor, welcomed the convention in behalf of the church, which was so sincere and cordial that all present felt at home and among friends. Singing by choir. Mrs. Josephine C. Ashbury, in her own sweet and modest way, very beautifully welcomed the convention in behalf of the local Mite Missionary Society, which gave us new courage and inspired us to do all we could that we might leave a lasting impression for good on the dear ones in that local work. Miss Eva Brooks, a sweet and bright Christian girl and a worker in the Junior Department of this work, welcomed the convention in behalf of the Junior Society. Miss Brooks has this work at heart and, Oh, for a dozen good missionary workers among our young people like her. Africa would soon be brought to Christ. The choir rendered another beautiful selection. Mrs. Milinda Guy, Fraternal delegate from the North Ohio Conference, brought greetings which were full of inspiration and good cheer to us, bidding us God's speed and prosperity. Mrs. Guy is an ardent missionary worker in her conference branch and lives in Steubenville, O. At this juncture Mrs. Jennie Davis, Fraternal delegate from the West Virginia conference branch, bore greetings to us from her conference branch, saying to us to sail on and not to get tired in well doing. This conference branch was a part of us three years ago and we feel very near to the work there. We received these greetings with joy and love. Mrs. Davies is also a faithful missionary worker and lives in Wheeling, W. Va. Mrs. Johnson, who has just returned from the western coast of Africa, after having spent 18 years there, made at this juncture some very instructive remarks, which were received with avidity from the members. Mrs. Johnson described Africa just as it is and we all enjoyed her valuable information, which made us feel so very near to our heathen land. We must work as never before for Africa. A motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be given Mrs. Johnson for her very valuable information given us. Mrs. Mary F. Handy, president of the Parent Body Women's Mite Missionary Society was presented to the audience and made an eloquent address and congratulated the workers and friends of the Missionary Society for so nobly holding up and helping the foreign fields. Over $13,000 raised for that purpose only in four years. Mrs. Handy spoke very commendably of our Bishop Johnson in Africa who has built in four years in Africa four churches. "Praise God from Whom All Blessings

Flow." Singing by choir and Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge responded very beautifully to the addresses of welcome. Mrs. Aldridge is a fluent speaker and rendered the response in an effectual manner At this juncture the Finance Committee lifted their collection, which amounted to $5.51. After announcements the doxology was sang and benediction pronounced by Rev. Hooe, pastor of Nazareth Baptist church of Washington, and the officers and members of the sixteenth annual session of the Women's Mite Missionary Society were tendered an elaborate reception by the members of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, of Washington.

Second Day, Saturday Morning, July 19th, 1912.

9:30, devotional exercises. The convention was called to order by the president of the Parent Body, Mrs. Mary F. Handy. Minutes of Friday's session were read and adopted with necessary corrections. Reports of societies owing for minutes, eleven societies reported. Moton prevailed that Rev. Garland, of Monongahela, the printer, would print 400 minutes for $30.00. Mrs. Blackburn, delegate from Bellefonte, spoke of her home society, and asked that the minutes of the convention he made more interesting, but stated that Bellefonte had not received last year's minutes. A short discussion in regard to the size of minutes then followed. Next was the report of the Credential Committee, making a total of twenty-two delegates reported. A communication was received from N. L. Bush, a photographer, offering to make picture of the convention. Motion prevailed that he take the picture. Report of societies not reporting before. The delegates from Uniontown not having credentials were asked to get some. Motion prevailed. The reports were received. Mrs. Handy then made an explanation of the difference between Home work and local work and also read the law governing the sendng of all moneys to the treasurer. Also, Mrs. Handy reported that the last general conference had adopted a home in Colorado for the misisters, their wives and members of the church, and explained the need of same. Some very pertintent remarks in regard to our responsibility for our race were made by Mrs. Handy, and it was heartily received with a loud applause. A committee composed of Mrs. Virginia Page, Mrs. A. Murray, Mrs. L. Saunders, appointed at the last executive board meeting, to assist the needy. Mrs. A. Murray made the report. Report of Committee on President's address; by motion it he adopted at this juncture. Mrs. Offer made the sad announcement that the husband of our delegate, Mrs. Virginia Allen, had passed away. After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the session adjourned. Benediction by Rev. H. G. Hooe, of Washington, Pa.

Saturday Afternoon, 2 p. m.

Praise service conducted by Mrs. Jane Howard, Miss Martha Washington. Singing, "He Leadeth Me." Prayer by Sister M. Dyer. Scripture lesson by Miss M. Washington, 11th Psalm. Song

and praise services. President, Mrs. I. T. Temple. Call the convention to order. Committee on Resolution. Mrs. Pryor, Mrs. L. Catlin, Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Aldridge, Mrs. Thornton. Report of recording secretary read and adopted. Report of treasurer read and adopted. Mrs. M. Smothers brought greetings from the Sunday school institute which was received and responded to by Mrs. Ophelia Bell. Committee on Ways and Means, Mrs. Eva Williams, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. O. Bell. Resolution by Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge that Mrs. Gracie P. Offer be made a life member of the executive board and with all privileges, who has worked in the missionary cause for 37 years. Motion prevailed that the resolution be adopted. Sister Offer responded. Motion prevailed that we furnish a room in the National Preacher Home in Denver, Colorado, and pay the sum of $15.00 down. Carried. Corresponding secretary read the report for the treasurer of the special effort fund. Amount raised since July 18th, 1911 to July 19th, 1912, $42.71, for which the superintendents received $32.00 to start out on their work for this year. Report adopted. Nomination committee appointed Mrs. J. Baltimore, Mrs. Dessie Grooms, Mrs. Florence Addison, Mrs. Mary Dyke, Mrs. Mary Burrell, Mrs. Nettles, Miss Joiner. Mrs. Wheeler, public school teacher of Washington, was introduced and made a few remarks. Remarks on Temperance, by Mrs. A. Murray, Mrs. E. Moore. Report for the delegate from the quadrennial session, held in Chicago, Ill., November, 1911, rendered by Mrs. Mannie Smothers. There were 55 delegates present. The president stated that she hoped the mmbers would go hom so enthused and by the next four years not only report money raised, but a thousand souls saved. It was a fine full account of the convention. President Mrs. Temple read part of her report that Bishop Johnson, of South Africa did notforget them and sent a message. They have built 13 church of brick and stone. Eight parsonages; two school houses and he travels one thousand miles out of ten months each year. Reported one thousand, six hundred conversions that are soundly converted to God. Motion prevailed the reports be adopted. Auditing Committee reported they have examined the treasurer and secretary books and found them correct. Report adopted. Letter read by corresponding secretary from Mrs. P. M. McClearns, stating she was sorry she could not be present, but sent one dollar to be used for a good cause, and it was added to the money which was given by the convention, to the National Preacher Home, making a total of $16.00. Finance Committee reported contingent, $31.95, dues, $32.25, afternoon dues, $12.75, total $76.95. Motion prevailed the report be adopted. Carried.

Next was the Junior Societies' hour, conducted by their superintendent, Miss Eva Brooks. Singing "Little Children." Recitation by little Thelma Birch, a member of the Junior Society of Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh. Singing by the Juniors, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown." Recitations by Miss Katherine Hayden. Both the recitations by these little Juniors were very well prepared. Mrs.

J. W. Batch, at this juncture spoke very kindly to the Juniors and encouraged them in their work. Mrs. Batch was succeeded by Miss Carrie Blackburn, who encouraged the Juniors. Then Mrs. Margaret Wheeler, of Canonsburg, spoke to the children in her very beautiful way, which is always appreciative. Solo by Miss Helen Patterson, "The Lord is My Shepherd. Next was the roll call of the Gracie P. Offer Sheltering Arms. Amount collected, $7.50. Remarks by the Junior superintendent, Miss Eva Brooks, after which the Juniors sang their Motto song, "We Are Building." Then they marched out singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," and the convention was photographed by Mr. Bush, after which the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Norris, stated to the convention that the minutes for West Middletown, last year, had been paid for, but owing to some mistake didn't appear in last year's minutes. Committee appointed to see about getting buttons for the convention, Mrs. G. P. Offer, Mrs. R. H. Morris. Next place of meeting, Monongahela. Connellsville was nominated. Motion prevailed that we go to Monongahela, Pa. Carried. The executive board meet the first Thursday in March, 1913, McKeesport, Pa. Report from New Castle read and adopted. Invitation extended to us from the Fraternal delegate to attend the West Virginia C. Branch that will meet in Wheeling, W. Va., next year. Motion prevailed that Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge be our Fraternal delegate. Carried. Report from the nominating committee. Motion prevailed it be received and go into election. Rev. Jefferson and wife, of the M. E. church were introduced to the convention. Motion prevailed we have tellers, Mrs. L. Guy, Mrs. E. Morris, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Pryor. President, Mrs. T. Temple, respectfully declined. The result of the election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: President, Mrs. Gay A. McGee; first vice president. Mrs. M. LeVade Carter-Norris; second vice president, Mrs. Eva Williams; recording secretary, Miss Jefferson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. Pryor; treasurer, Mrs. E. Brooks; executive board, Mrs. Julia Johnson, Mrs. M. E. Wheeler, Mrs. Ophelia Bell, Supt. Mrs. L. V. Jones, Jr. Supt. Miss E. Brooks; honorary members, Mrs. Gracle P. Offer, Mrs. J. W. Batch. Thus closed the election. Mrs. L. Guy offered a prayer in behalf of the very touching ceremonies. Singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Doxology. Benediction, Rev. Webster.

Mrs. M. LeVade Carter-Norris, who has been for twelve years the very efficient corresponding secretary was nominated for the ensuing term by the nominating committee, but declined to serve another year, after which time the members feeling she should be promoted unanimously elected her first vice president of the convention.

Saturday Evening, 7 p. m.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. O. B. Chambers. Scripture lesson read by Miss Dunlap. Prayer by Mrs. M. F. Handy

Singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." President Mrs. T. Temple called the convention to order. Opened with singing by the choir. Rev. L. V. Jones was introduced to the convention and spoke a few encouraging remarks. Paper, subject, "Some of Our Great Women," by Mrs. Elizabeth Pryor, who so nicely illustrated thelife of some of our heroic women, namely, Sister Mary Campbell and Frances Harper, whose life she so beautifully outlined. Discussion by Mrs. Julia Johnson, Mrs. Paul. Round Table talk by Mrs. Gay McGee, What Is a Missionary Society. Question answered by Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Paul. Why is our society called the Mite, Mrs. Newson, Mrs. Batch, Mrs. Watters gave good answers. What is the best method of conducting a meeting to interest all members. Madam Bell introduced reading to interest the young people. Sister Chambers and Miss Webster says give them something to do to use them. What one thing does your society lack; how may we have a missionary study class? Mrs. M. F. Handy suggested that you get a good missionary book and have a class to study about our missionaries in the foreign field. Who is responsible for a working society in the church? Mrs. R. Aldridge, all the members. Motion prevailed that the paper of Mrs. Pryor and the Round Table talk by Mrs. McGee, from which we have profited a great deal, be adopted. Carried. Ways and Means committee made their report. Motion that each L. society be taxed at least 75c or more, lost. Motion prevailed that we adopt the red card missionary ship to collect money and they be put in all the local societies for special effort. Carried. All special effort money be sent to the special effort treasurer, Mrs. Eva Williams, 568 Ridgewood avenue, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Consent of the convention the minutes be adopted. Collected 75 cents. Doxology. Close repeating the Christian Endeavor Watch Word.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m.

Washington, Pa., July 20th, 1912.

Sunday school was conducted by Mrs. Ella Brooks, of Washington, Pa., who opened by singing, "God Will Take Care of You." Prayer by Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge. Singing by the school. Mrs. M. F. Handy, president of the Women's Parent Mite Society, and widow of the late Rt. Rev. James A. Handy, was introduced, and gave a very interesting talk to the school, taking up the life and work of Bishop Handy. She said in part that the Bishop was brought up in the Bethel Sabbath school in Baltimore. At the age of seven years he was taken there by his grandmother and Bishop Payne laid his hand on his head and told him he would be a great preacher some day. The prediction came true, for he filled every office from sexton to bishop, and was first presiding elder to be appointed in his district. The other speakers were Mrs. R. H. Morris and Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge, and both gave very delightful talks, after which, with singing by the school, an offering of 63

cents was lifted, and the session was adjourned with the benediction by the presiding elder, R. H. Bumry.

10:45 a. m.

Organ prelude. Opening hymn 439. Prayer by Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge. Singing by the choir. The missionary sermon was eloquently preached by the presiding elder, R. H. Bumry, who read of the 24th chapter of St. Matthew, basing his text on the 14th verse, saying that Jesus bid His disciples, go ye into all the ends of the earth and preach My gospel. He said you will hear some say I am not a missionary and do not believe in missions, either home or foreign. Why if you believe in Christ you must believe in missions, for Christ is the spirit of missions and he is not divided, and those who are not for must be against His teachings. Still they say they are for Christ and his church. The sermon was full of logic and delivered as only Dr. Bumry can. The Lord's prayer was chanted by the choir, after which the committee passed two baskets and $11.85 was contributed. Mrs. M. F. Handy was then presented by Rev. W. H. H. Butler, and gave a very interesting talk. Benediction by Rev. R. H. Bumry.

Sunday Afternoon.

A Temperance platform meeting was conducted by Mrs. Ardelia Murray and Mrs. Emma Moore. The speakers were Mrs. M. F. Handy, Mrs. R. Aldridge, Mrs. I. Temple, Mrs. Gay McGee and Mrs. Julia Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Batch. The speaking was interspersed with a solo by Mrs. Dyer, singing, led by Mrs. M. B. Jones, and a solo by the Fraternal delegate, Mrs. Jennie Davis, of Wheeling, W. Va. The baskets passed and $2.60 was donated. At this juncture the committee on memoirs came forward and the memorial service in honor of beloved dead, was opened by singing, "Speak to My Soul, Dear Jesus." The report of the deceased was read by Mrs. Ada Little and resolutions from the Pittsburgh conference branch was read by Mrs. L. C. Norris, expressing sorrow and regret at the loss of our beloved Sister, Mrs. L. A. Lowry. A solo was sang by Mrs. M. Smothers, and the audience stood with bowed heads, while a prayer that the blessings of the heavenly Father might rest like a benediction on the bereaved ones of those who had gone to answer to the roll call above.

Sunday Evening, 7 p. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Sarah Wheeler and Mrs. O. J. Chatman. Scripture lesson, 5th chapter of St. John, read by Mrs. J. Davis. "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," was sang and prayer and praise service was enjoyed by all.

7:45 p. m.—Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Jacob Kinner. Solo by Evelyn Lyons. Calvary, a forceful sermon, was preached by Rev. W. H. H. Butler, from the 1st chapter of Genesis. In the course of the sermon Dr. Butler said there had been about

fourteen thousand dollars given by the women of this conference branch, and that they had given more to the support of foreign than any other. Sixteen years ago our conference turned its back on them, thinking they could do nothing, but at the last general conference they said to the women to go and take the field for Christ. The sermon was full of good things and great encouragement was given by Dr. Butler for the women to press forward in their grand and glorious work. The Lord's prayer was chanted by the choir. Solo by Mrs. James Carrell. A very fine recitation was beautifully rendered by Miss Helane Pryor, of McKeesport. An excellent duet by Misses Isabelle Askew and Edna Walters was sang. The recitation by Miss Lulu Tanner was enjoyed by all.

The resolutions were read by the Chairlady of the committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Pryor, of McKeesport, Pa. On motion they were received and adopted; while the choir sang, the baskets were passed and $22.39 was collected.

The officers for the ensuing year were installed by Dr. W. H. H. Butler, who highly complimented them on the confidence they had inspired in the members of the convention who had honored them by electing them as their officers. Dr. Butler admonished the officers to be true to the trust reposed in them, always taking Christ for their leader, thus keeping high the standard of the convention.

In a few well chosen words responses were made by the retiring president, Mrs. Isabelle Tanner Temple, and the new president, Mrs. Gay McGee. "Take the name of Jesus with you," was sang by the members of the convention. Doxology by the choir and benediction by Dr. W. H. H. Butler.

Closed the sixteenth annual convention of the women's mite missionary convention of the Pittsburgh conference branch.

Number of societies visited	19
New societies organized	3
Societies reorganized	5
Paid out for traveling expenses	$39.69
Received from societies for traveling expenses	29.86
Received from convention	5.00
Spent of my own money	4.83

Humbly submitted for your prayerful consideration, I am yours for the cause of missions.

MRS. L. V. JONES,
Superintendent of North Pittsburgh District. Rev. N. D. Temple, D. D. Presiding Elder. Rt. Rev. C. T. Shaffer, M. D., D. D., Bishop.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

July 20th, 1911; July 18th, 1912.

Madame President and Members of the Sixteenth Annual Session of the W. M. M. Society of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch. I submit the following report:
Amount paid out from July 20, 1912 to July 18, 1912, by order:

August 31, 1911, order books	$ 4.00
October 4, 300 minutes	38.00
October 4, Charlotte M. Tansey	25.00
October 4, expenses president and recording secretary	9.00
October 4, conference missionary committee	30.00
December 7, Rev. W. H. Frazier, aid	10.00
December 21, Rev. T. A. J. West, aid	5.00
Rev. James Williams, aid	5.00
Rev. O. T. Davis, aid	5.00
Printing letter heads pads	5.25
January 13, 1912, Rev. J. J. Norris, aid	5.00
Rev. J. W. Brown, aid	10.00
Rev. Sandy Christian	10.00
Rev. J. W. Hays, aid	5.00
February 19, Rev. J. W. Wilkes, aid	10.00
Rev. W. H. Frazier	15.00
March 7, expenses, executive board	15.38
March 19, Rev. Sandy Christian	10.00
Printing	1.00

March 23, Rev. W. S. Lowry	10.00
March 30, Rev. L. W. Jones	5.00
Delegates Parent Body, fare	35.00
April 29, Rev. Sandy Christian	5.00
Rev. W. H. Frazier	5.00
May 6th, Corresponding Secretary, blanks, programs	12.00
June 22, Rev. E. R. Goins	10.00
Rev. J. W. Hays	5.00
Rev. J. E. Williams	5.00
July 3rd, Rev. Sandy Christian	5.00
July 18, expenses executive board	40.46
Mrs. Mary F. Handy	10.00
Presiding elder, Rev. R. H. Bumry	10.00
Rev. W. H. H. Butler	5.00
Sexton	5.00
Trustees of St. Paul church, Washington	5.00
Rev. Dickson	5.00
Rev. L. W. Jones	5.00
Rev. J. W. Hayes	5.00
Rev. A. E. Simmons	10.00
Rev. Sandy Christian	5.00
Rev. Goins	10.00
Mrs. Mamie Smothers	10.00
Corresponding secretary for service	5.00
Recording Secretary for service	5.00
Treasurer for service	5.00
President, as a token	5.00
Superintendent Mrs. L. V. Jones	25.00
Junior Superintendent Miss Eva Brooks	12.00
Total Paid Out	$497.03

ISETTA M. JEFFERSON, Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Madame President, Officers and Members of the W. M. M. Society, Pittsburgh Conference Branch, Greeting:

I, Corresponding Secretary, beg leave to submit the following report for your consideration. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us during the year just past and we praise His Holy Name. No doubt the question may be asked, "Why were we as societies of this good and noble work so late in receiving our blanks for the third and fourth quarters?" The answer is, on account of the cor-

responding secretary being very ill at the time the reports should have been sent and none being printed at the time in the hands or office of the corresponding secretary, was the cause of your not receivng them on time, and as they were delayed so long the third quarter, the secretary thought it would be expedient to make the last quarter a little longer. It was thought at one time that your secretary wouldn't be able to fulfill the duties pertaining to her office, but God works in a mysterious way and raised her up again for some good purpose we believe and we are here at this time to bring the message we have done the best we could and without cooperation. Our efforts were not as successful as we would like. I regret very much to have to report to you as I am doing, and a sadness fills my heart on account of so much neglectfulness on the part of the societies, yet for the good of the work, I feel it best to be frank with you, and report to yonjust as they reported to me. praying that perhaps they will see their tardiness, be inspired and start anew in this particular work. In the Pittsburgh Conference Branch there are 60 churches all of which should have an organization, only 22 have reported of their work pertaining to missions. In the Pittsburgh Conference Branch the first quarter, ten societies reported to me, three in the East Pittsburgh District, three in the North Pittsburgh District, and four in the South Pittsburgh District. In the second quarter thirteen societies reported, two in the East Pittsburgh District, five in the North Pittsburgh District and six in the South Pittsburgh District. In the third quarter, eight, one in the East Pittsburgh District, one in the North Pittsburgh District, and six in the South Pittsburgh District. In the fourth quarter, in the East Pittsburgh District, two reported. In the North Pittsburgh District five and in the South, three. What is needed to increase the interest, add inspiration, earnestness and zeal in this grand and glorious work which has been intrusted to us as women of the A. M. E. church? I submit to you for your consideration.

M. Le VADA CARTER-NORRIS, Corresponding Secretary.

The following minutes were distributed:

Wylie Avenue, 20, paid; Euclid Avenue, 15, paid; Brown Chapel, 30, paid; St. Paul Pittsburgh, 10, paid; Allen Chapel, 10, paid; Braddock, 10, paid; Homestead, 10, paid; McKeesport, 10; Connellsville, 10, paid; Uniontown, 15, paid; Williamsport, 10, paid; Charleroi, 10, paid; Monongahela, 10, paid; BelleVernon, 10; Canonsburg, 15, paid; Washington, 20, paid; Franklin, 10, paid; Scranton, 10, paid; West Bridgewater, 10, paid; West Pittston, 10; Elizabeth, 10, paid; Monessen, 10; Wilkes-Barre, 10.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Women's Mite Mis-sionary Convention of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch, assembled:

DEAR CO-WORKERS:—

We are before you again with the fruits that have been garnered for another year. Just how successful we have been we leave with you and the reports.

Truly this has been a red eltter year for Missionary work throughout this great world of ours. Especially is this true with our own great church, both at home and abroad. Shoul dwe not be grateful; first for our foreign fields, when we call to mind, that this is the first time in the hsitory of our great A. M. E. church that we have had two resident bishops in care of our mission work, one at the South Coast and the other at the West Coast of Africa. Grateful are we that our dear heavenly Father has spared their lives an dthat death did not overtake them in their various fields of labor.

Of course all missionary work was handicapped to a certain extent on the West Coast by the serious illness of Bishop Heard, and yet in the face of all the hinderances ((common to mankind) the rebuilding of the Sarah Gorham Mission House was completed under the supervision of Rev. W. H. Steady, P. E., and the refurnishing is now going on.

As to Bishop Johnson in South Africa he has and is still doing hucerlean work throughout the vast territory. Should we not all join in singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," and redouble our efforts for foreign missions?

Let there be a response in each heart, "I Will, God Helping Me, I Will." And now, just a word as to our home land. It is true we have not done all that we might have, or shall have done. If it were possible for the superintendents to go out on the work at an earlier date, I am sure there would be a greater harvest of converts to our missionary societies; and the Mites thus gathered would fill a long felt want. Instead of helping to the extent as the treasurer's report will show a much larger amount might have been received and disbursed. Oh, let each auixiliary awake to the necessity of the hour and do better and more efficient work for the Master along all missionary lines.

As was said at the world's great missionary conference "The essential problem of the missionary enterprise is the ignorance and indifference of the church of Christ."

One of the greatest hinderances to the spread of the gospel is the want of real holiness in God's people. As we draw nearer to him we shall draw nearer to each other. And there is nothing which willff do more to draw us together than the work of helping to evangelize the world. The demand on the individual christian may be summed up in four words, Work, Give, Pray, Study. In regard to work, what we have to do is to keep ourselves ever

Report of Superintendent of S. Pittsburgh District.

Washington, Pa., July 18th, 1912.

Madam President, Officers and Members of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the W. M. M. S. of the A. M. E. church, Pittsburgh Conference Branch:

I am before you today, fully realizing that goodness and mercy have followed me through another year, and it is with a feeling of deep gratitude to my Heavenly Father for his tender care for allowing me to meet in convention again this side of eternity, and as superintendent of the S. Pittsburgh District, I have tried to do my duty.

April 2nd.—I visited Greensburg and found that reorganization had been effected two years since, yet the society has not met with success in holding it's meetings. We had an interesting meeting and as the District Conference would soon meet there, I tried to prevail upon the women becoming active at once that they might help represent the work before the conference. They promised to make an effort. This society is composed of women who have been actively engaged in the work and we may hope for success. Received $1.00 traveling expenses.

April 3rd.—I visited West Connellsville. This society seems to be in earnest. There was a good attendance at the meeting to greet the superintendent. Their president, Mrs. Lavanda Burd, seemed to have a desire to bring the society up to a high standard. Received $2.50 traveling expenses.

Brownsville was my next point but I received word that they could not arrange to have me until later.

Uniontown also requested me to defer my visit. Both societies gave plausible reasons for the delay.

April 9th.—BelleVernon—As the congregation is small, the society has only a few active members and they had been unable to meet on account of the continuous inclement weather which made travel to the church very difficult, yet the president, Mrs. B. Wheeler, hoped to have the women do something for missions. Received $1.10.

April 10th.—Charleroi—I found this society at work, while there are only a few they are earnest and doing what they can under the inspiration of the leadership of Sister L. V. Jones. Success is assured. Received $2.00 traveling expenses.

April 11th.—Attended District Conference at Greensburg, Rev. R. H. Bumery, P. E., arranged to have the M. M. work represented We had a place on the programme and had the attention of the clergy assembled. We made a plea for co-operation and it is safe to say that the S. Pittsburgh District pastors are ready and willing to sustain us in our work. If the women will only take hold the problem will be solved. Received $1.65 traveling expenses.

April 17th.—I visited Clairton. My coming was expected. A call was made for the assembling of the congregation. The night was stormy. The people mostly live a distance from the church, yet they came through a drenching rain. We had an interesting meeting. The society is alive and hopes to renew their zeal. Received $1.25 traveling expenses.

April 18th.—West Elizabeth—This church, as well as Clairton, is under the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Wheeler. Both societies gave the superintendent a hearty welcome. As they felt the need of some information and instruction along the line of the work, my visit was encouraged by the pastor. I left them with the hope that the zeal of the few might spread and that no impediment would deter them in the work for missions. Received $1.25 for traveling expenses.

April 21st.—I visited Pricedale and found the society alive to their obligation. The few loyal women who compose this society are doing what they can. According to request, I met them on Sunday, P. M., which gave me an opportunity to speak to the people and thus agitate the need of an interest in the work. Received $1.25 traveling expenses.

April 22nd.—Visited Monessen. Found the society alive, yet like many of the societies, the few deplored the fact that all who should be interested in the work were not. Yet from the outlook we are hopful, since it is the desire of the women of the church to remain a link in the Chain that shall encircle the world for the Redeemer's Kingdom. Received 75 cents.

April 23rd—Visited Canonsburg, where Senior and Junior Societies are at work. I had a pleasant meeting. This society is surrounded by much of the bone and sinew of our conference branch. We therefor anticipate large results on account of their environments. Received $2.00.

April 24th.—Visited Washington. There is also Senior and Junior at this point and while they were not yet fully aroused to the convention spirit, yet they were at work devising ways and means for our comfort at the coming convention, at the same time keeping in mind the object of their organization. Received $1.55.

April 25th.—Waynesburg—There is a society existing there and those interested are in hopes of an increased zeal, as they have been unable to hold regular meetings. An effort was made to impress the fact of a responsibility to God and our church in the upholding of the M. M. work by every woman of the church. Received $1.86.

April 26th.—At West Middletown I met the congregation and the people of this place labor under the disadvantge of living long distances from the church, Middletown being a farming district, the travel is over roads which are impassable in bad weather, so that the M. M. Society cannot have meetings as regular as desired, yet the women are doing fairly well. I remained with them from Friday until Sunday, P. M., endeavoring to make an impression for the work's sake. Received $2.26.

May 13th.—Braddock—This well organized society has its sunshine and its shadows. Their work does not move as rapidly as they wish, yet they are at work and have the cause of missions at heart. There being another attraction on the evening of our meeting the gathering was small. Received $2.25.

May 23rd.—Met the society of Saint Paul church, S. S. Pittsburgh, Pa. The condition of the church required the united efforts of its members, so that the M. M. society has not been able to accomplish the desired amount of work, but they hope for the future. While they have been handicapped the missionary spirit still lives. Received $0.65.

June 23rd.—Called to Uniontown and as it was on the occasion of their Annual Women's Day, I had an opportunity of meeting the missionary workers with others interested and perhaps some disinterested. A season for seed sowing, presenting the work and pleading for co-operation that the fruit of the M. M. might be seen and a bountiful harvest be the result. This society is doing great work. Received $5.00.

June 24th.—From Uniontown to Brownsville. Learned that the society has found the work difficult but hopes for a revival in the interest of missions.

ADELIA D. MURRAY, Superintendent.
REV. R. H. BUMRY, P. E.

Superintendent's Report of North Pittsburgh District.

Madame President, Officers and Members of the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the W. M. M. Society, of the A. M. E. church, of Pittsburgh Conference Branch, now in session in St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Washington, Pa. Greetings:—

In the Providence of God, and with a deep sense of my duty and obligation, I now make this, my annual report. Having served for three consecutive years as Superintendent of the South Pittsburgh District, the Convention at its last sitting, deemed it wise to appoint me to the North Pittsburgh District, over which it has been my good pleasure and honor to preside this year.

I wish to return thanks first to Our Dear Heavenly Father for His preserving care and divine guidance during this year, and to express my appreciation for the uniform kindness shown me by our esteemed presiding elder and his amiable wife, our beloved president, ministers, Presidents, members and friends of the various societies of the District.

After receiving from Dr. Temple a schedule of his meetings through the District, I proceeded to arrange my schedule so as to not conflict with any of his appointments, making my first visit through the southern end of the District, beginning with Ellzabeth, passing down the Monongahela valley to Pittsburgh, and then down the Beaver valley as far as New Castle, then over to Butler, Kittanning, and then home.

Before leaving home for Elizabeth, I received a card from Mrs. J. W. Batch, asking that their meeting be changed to another date, as they were engaged at that time and were not prepared for my visit. Her request was granted, and I proceeded according to my schedule, meeting the society at McKeesport, February 27th.

On my arrival I went directly to the home of the pastor, Rev. W. N. Young, and was highly entertained by his pleasing wife and daughters. I met the society at 8 o'clock, with the president and twelve other persons present.

The society had recently elected its officers and had begun their work with new ambition. All expressed themselves as wanting to see a strong, healthy society in McKeesport again. No money had been sent away up until this time, but hoped to be able to report by the next quarter. Mrs. Green, president, Rev. W. N. Young, pastor. Traveling expenses, $1.00.

Homestead, February 28th.

The society here is alive, with Mrs. O. B. Chambers, president, who has the work of missions thoroughly at heart, and with a few of the faithful members of the society is working to promote the missionary cause in Homestead. Traveling expenses, 80 cents. Rev. C. R. Goggins, pastor.

Sewickley, March 4th.

No arrangements had been made for my coming. No meeting was held. I learned from some of the members that they had no society here. Traveling expenses, nothing. Rev. Daniel Newson, pastor.

New Brighton, March 5th.

This place has been without a society for several years, and at the time of my visit there, the pastor and good people were engaged in rehearsing for a cantata which they were hoping to give in the near future. The pastor had written me at my home, stating that it would be useless for me to come to New Brighton, as there was no society there, and that they were having their rehearsal on that evening, but as I was away from home on my work, I did not receive the letter, so I visited New Brighton, according to my schedule, met with them in their rehearsal, and at the close of the rehearsal, succeeded in organizing a society with twelve members. Mrs. John Cross, president, Mrs. James Bolden, Secretary, Rev. H. E. Newman, pastor. Traveling expenses, $1.00.

New Castle, March 6th.

On my arrival here I was met at the depot by the good president, Mrs. C. Tillman, who took me to the home of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Trust, where I was royally entertained by his devoted mother My coming had been well arranged for and I met a very appreciative audience at the church. The society here has not done very much for the past few years, but promises to take up the work again, and do more for the cause of missions this year. All seemed to be encouraged at the visit of the superintendent. Traveling expenses, $1.10. Mrs. C. Tillman, president. Rev. W. H. Trust, pastor.

West Bridgewater, March 7th.

I visited the society here during the session of the executive board. The society is small but is still alive, and hopeful of the future. Mrs. Marie Howell, president. Rev. Carter Wright, pastor. Traveling expenses, nothing.

Brown Chapel, March 8th.

I found a flourishing society here in this historic church. Observes their monthly meetings, sends their money away quarterly to their respective departments, and does a good local work about home. Mrs. Adelia Murray, president. Miss Izetta Jefferson, Secretary. Rev. R. H. Morris, D. D. pastor. Traveling expenses, $2.00.

Bellevue, March 10th.

According to arrangements with the pastor, I met the good people here on Sunday and worshiped with them morning and evening, and at the close of the evening service organized a society with seven members. President Mrs. Richard Palm. Rev. E. N. Thomas, pastor. Traveling expenses, $1.00.

Butler, March 11th.

The pastor had my coming well announced and a very appreciative audience greeted me at the church. A society was organized with a full corps of officers. Mrs. Mary Jones, president. Miss A. Moore, secretary. Rev. L. W. Jones, pastor. Traveling expenses, $1.50.

Kittanning, March 12th.

My coming had been well arranged for here, also, and quite an interesting audience met me in their beautiful church. There was some evidence of life still remaining in this society although they have not done very much the last few years. They were glad to grasp the opportunity to reorganize and seemed to appreciate the visit of the superintendent very much. The pastor of these two charges deserves great credit for the interest he is taking in the missionary cause, as well as for the two beautiful churches built by him and his good people during his administration. President, Mrs. William Smith. Secretary, Mrs. John Syrus. Rev. L. W. Jones ,pastor. Traveling expenses, $3.00.

Allen Chapel, March 13th.

The society here is in a very good condition and held their regular monthly meetings, and forward their money regular to their respective departments. President, Mrs. Virginia Burnes. Rev. E. R. Brazier, pastor. Traveling expenses, $1.85.

Monongahela City, March 14th.

This is one of our old well disciplined charges. The missionary society here is working in keeping with the other departments of the church for the spread of the Master's Kingdom on earth, through the cause of missions. Mrs. M. B. Richards, president. Miss Gertrude Pitts, Secretary. Rev. A. Smothers, pastor. Traveling expenses, 75 cents.

Erie, Pa., April 15th.

Monday morning, April 15th, I left my home for a trip through the Northern End of the District and went directly to Erie. I met the pastor on the street who said that he sent me a telegram Sun-

day evening after church services asking me not to come to Erie as they were not prepared for my coming. The telegram did not come to my home until I was on my way to Erie. Therefor I did not know of it until I was informed by the pastor. Raised for my traveling expenses, $2.75, and desired my return at some future date. Rev. J. N. Gibbs, pastor.

Bradford, April 16th.

My coming had been well arranged for here by the pastor and quite a goodly number were present at the church to meet me. The society here had practically gone down; nothing had been done by them for some time, but was glad to be reorganized, with about fifteen members. Mrs. D. Thornell, president. Rev. P. H. Williams, pastor. Traveling expenses, $1.11.

Kane, April 17th.

This is a small charge but has quite an active little missionary society. Mrs. J. Foster, president. Mrs. Adams, secretary. Rev. J. W. Brown, pastor. Traveling expenses, $2.35.

Oil City, April 18th.

My coming to this city was looked for and I found quite a nice audience awaiting me at the church. Quite an interesting meeting was held. The society had been inactive for a long time, but was glad to reorganize and start to work again. Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Payne. Pastor, Rev. C. A. Payne.

Titusville, April 22nd.

This is quite an interesting point in the field of Woman's Mite Missionary Work, it being the place where the first W. M. M. society was organized in the Pittsburgh conference by Bishop Daniel A. Payne and others during the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Lowry, D. D. We are glad to know that the missionary spirit still lives at Titusville. Two officers were elected and added to the corps of workers. Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Hector. Rev. J. J. Norris, pastor. Traveling expenses, $1.00.

Meadville, April 19th.

A special delivery letter had been sent out from this place, also, by the pastor, advising me not to come at this time, but to defer my coming until another date. The letter did not reach me in time as I was out on my work, so I made my visit according to schedule, and was cordially received by the good pastor and his lovely wife, who made my stay in his home and city, so very pleasant, from Friday afternoon until Monday morning. The society is thoroughly alive here, having been reorganized by Mrs. Paul, who is its worthy president. Rev. P. E. Paul, pastor. Traveling expenses, $3.00.

Franklin, April 23.

My visit here was during the session of the District conference by request of our presiding elder, Dr. N. D. Temple, who kindly gave to the women an afternoon for their meeting. A very successful meeting was enjoyed by all. The society here is in a good condition. Traveling expenses, $4.00. Rev. C. P. Hurington, pastor.

in a listening attitude, ready to hear God's call when it comes to us and to obey it promptly and unquestionably, whether the service to which we are called be hard or easy, important or apparently insignificant.

When Philip the deacon heard the voice of the spirit saying to him "Arise and go into the Desert," (an unlikely place to seek opportunity for christian work), he arose and went and the result was the introduction of christianity into Africa. And when Ananias, a humble disciple in Damascus, heard and obeyed the same voice saying "Arice and go in the street called Straight," the result was the preparation for his life work of the great Apostle of the Gentiles.

Give—In our giving we must exercise self denial, not giving merely what will not be missed; we must see that a right motive underlies all our giving.

Pray—We must pray more frequently, more earnestly, more definitely and more perseveringly. And that our prayers may be definite and practical we must study the conditions and the needs of those for whom we pray.

God expects us to know something about the places and people for whom we pray, both at home and abroad; not only the minister on the small charge, who, during the past winter with the severity of the weather was forced to call for aid, but the missionary on the foreign field as well. May God keep each one of us present to work, Give, Pray and Study for the great missionary cause in this our church of Allen. And may we all realize that those who are diligent in missionary work their influence for good will extend over ages of time and cycles of eternity.

We are again grateful to the Giver of all light, for the sparing of our lives and that death with his iron heel did not invade our official body, and yet in many homes during the past year death has entered. To each and all we commend you to the One who alone can heal the wound and say to you this afternoon, "Lean hard upon the everlasting Arm and believe with all your heart." What He does now we know not now, but we shall know hereafter. And let us all remember that each one under the sound of my voice is traveling to that undiscovered country from which bourn no traveler never returns.

Thanking each one and all for whatever services they have rendered and will render during the convention for the success of the work, we commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

This has been a notable year in the passing away of two of Pittsburgh's great missionaries in the persons of Mrs. Josephine Gatewood, who was noted for her good works and who last year was our second vice president, and Mrs. Lida A. Lowry who was for many years interested beyond measure in the cause of missions, and who gave as it were almost her life blood for the cause that